

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1014 - HB 1457

March 23, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides the following for an offense punishable as a Class E felony a person who carries or possesses any deadly weapon with intent to employ it while committing or escaping from a felony:

- Requires that the offender be charged for the weapon offense in addition to the predicate offense and not be eligible for suspension of sentence;
- Requires that the period of incarceration be served consecutively to any other sentence and requires 100% of the sentence to be served.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$11,592,000/Incarceration*

Assumes 700 offenses each year involve possession of deadly weapons and the offenders will serve a minimum of one additional year incarcerated consecutively to any other sentence imposed.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director